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SUBJ: ECE - WESTERN CAUCUS

1. A MEETING OF THE WESTERN CAUCUS OF ECE WILL BE
HELD ON FEBRUARY 14 TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING MATTERS:

(1) ROTATION OF OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION
AND SUBSIDIARY ORGANS;

(2) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF RECRUITMENT OF
PERSONNEL FOR THE SECRETARIAT;

(3) CHOICE OF RAPPORTEUR FOR THE 29TH SESSION;

(4) CHOICE OF FUTURE CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN
CAUCUS.

2. ROTATION OF OFFICERS: THE FRENCH HAVE SUGGESTED
THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF ANNUAL ROTATION BE ADOPTED FOR
OFFICERS OF ALL ECE BODIES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE
OPPORUNITY FOR MORE WESTERN DELEGATIONS TO HOLD OFFICE.
CURRENT PRACTICE IS FOR OFFICERS TO SERVE FOR TWO YEARS
IN THE COMMISSION AND TWOYEARS OR MORE IN SUBSIDIARY
BODIES.

3. GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF RECRUITMENT: STANOVNIK
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HAS REPORTED TO THE CURRENT BUREAU OF THE COMMISSION THAT

HE HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM HEADQUARTERS TO APPOINT SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES TO THE SECRETARIAT. HE HAS RESISTED THIS PRESSURE SINCE HE FEELS THAT NATIONALS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS CAN MAKE A GREATER CONTRIBUTION BECAUSE OF THEIR FAMILIARITY WITH THE REGION. THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONS WHEN SPECIALISTS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED FROM NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES, AND THIS PRACTICE WOULD BE CONTINUED. STANOVNIK IS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR HIS POSITION FROM BOTH EASTERN AND WESTERN CAUCUSES.

4. RAPPORTEUR FOR THE 29TH SESSION: THE WESTERN RAPPORTEUR FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS HAS BEEN GUY FAUGERE OF FRANCE AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT HE WILL CONTINUE IN THIS POSITION.

5. FUTURE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAUCUS: THE TERM OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF AMBASSADOR FERNAND-LAURENT OF FRANCE WILL END FOLLOWING THE 29TH SESSION. A NEW CANDIDATE HAS NOT BEEN YET DECIDED.

6. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON ITEMS 1 AND 2. ASSUME WE WOULD SUPPORT CONSENSUS FOR RAPPORTEUR AND CAUCUS CHAIRMAN. BASSIN

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